Increasing the prices of essential drugs

1112. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of drugs where mark up has been increased due to change of category under DPCO, 1987;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have increased the prices of formulations based on these drugs;

(c) if so, what are the names of formulations, earlier price, revised price of each;

(d) whether it is a fact that Government have not reduced the prices of certain essential medicines required by poor TB patients due to reduced mark up;

(e) if so, what are the names of those drugs along with their formulations for which prices have not been reduced so far; and

(f) what are the reasons that the prices of medicines have not been reduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) The increase in the Maximum Allowable Post Manufacturing Expenses (MAPE) has been allowed under DPCO, 1987 for all such Category II drugs as were in Category I or II under DPCO, 1979.

(b) and (c) Ceiling prices have been fixed under DPCO, 1987 for all formulations packs where leader prices had been notified under DPCO, 1979 and the concerned company had requested for revision of price.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) and (f) Do not arise.

Prices of anti-TB drugs

1113. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) names of the drugs falling under category III of DPCO, 1979 which have been shifted to category I of DPCO, 1987;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have not reduced the prices of formulations required for the treatment of TB and Leprosy patients;

(c) whether it is also a fact that DPCO, 1987 was announced in August, 1987;

(d) if so, on which consideration the prices of these formulations have not been reduced and by when the prices will be reduced to give relief to poor TB and Leprotic patients; and

(e) what is the present price of each formulation based on anti-TB and anti-Leprotic drug and what will be the price based on change of category?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Names of the bulk drugs included in category I of DPCO, 1987, which were in category III under DPCO, 1979 are given in the Statement at Annexure. [*See* Appendix CXLV, Annexure No. 31.]

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) The ceiling prices notified under DPCO, 1987 for anti-TB and anti-Leprotic formulations as well as their earlier prices are given in the Statement at Annexure. [*See* Appendix CXLV, Annexure No. 32.]

Prices of Diptheria antitoxin

1114. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that prices of Diptheria antitoxin, Tetnus Toxoid, Triple Antigen have substantially gone up;